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**In the claims:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-19 (canceled).

5 20. (original). A trackhoe anti-skid device comprising:

a bottom traction plate, said bottom traction plate having an edge, said bottom traction plate is approximately 12 inches long by 12 inches wide, said bottom traction plate is comprised of steel;

10 a spike connected to said bottom traction plate, said spike for frictionally engaging conventional earth, said spike is approximately 8 inches long, said spike is comprised of steel;

a top traction plate boltable to said bottom traction plate, said top traction plate having slots therethrough, said slots to allow said top traction plate to said bottom traction plate boltable connection to be varied in width, said top traction plate having an edge, said top traction  
15 plate is approximately 12 inches long by 12 inches wide, said top traction plate is comprised of steel;

a bottom side plate connected to said bottom traction plate edge, said bottom side plate connected to said bottom traction plate at approximately a right angle, said bottom side plate for restraining sideways slipping of said trackhoe; and

20 a top side plate connected to said top traction plate edge, said top side plate connected to said top traction plate at approximately a right angle, said top side plate for restraining sideways slipping of said trackhoe.